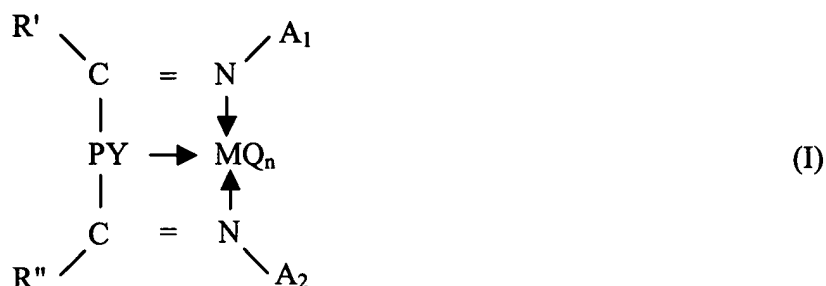


ABSTRACT

[0066] Catalyst compositions having Cs symmetry and processes utilizing Cs symmetric catalyst components for the polymerization of ethylenically unsaturated monomers to produce polymers, including copolymers or homopolymers. Monomers, which are polymerized or copolymerized include ethylene, C₃₊ alpha olefins and substituted vinyl compounds, such as styrene and vinyl chloride. The catalyst component is characterized by the formula:



wherein M is a Group 4-11 transition metal, n is an integer of from 1-3, Q is halogen or a C₁ – C₂ alkyl group, PY is a pyridinyl group, R' and R'' are each C₁ – C₂₀ hydrocarbyl group, A₁ is a mononuclear aromatic group, and A₂ is a polynuclear aromatic group, such as a terphenyl group. The catalyst component is used with an activating co-catalyst component such as an alumoxane. Also disclosed is a process for the preparation of a pyridinyl-linked bis-amino ligand suitable for use in forming the catalyst component.